

In the claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

12. (new) A personal data carrier, comprising a facial image of an individual; a fingerprint of the same individual; a code which is separate from and does not have features of said facial image and said fingerprint, such that said facial image, said fingerprint and said code can be stored in a secured database, and thereafter an official to whom the personal data carrier is presented can take a fingerprint of a presenter, send the taken fingerprint and said code to the database, and obtain from the database a conclusion whether the taken fingerprint correspond to the fingerprint stored in the database.

13. (New) A personal data carrier as defined in claim 12; and further comprising a substrate having two opposite sides, said facial image of an individual being provided on one of said sides, while said fingerprint of the same individual is provided on the other of said sides of said substrate.

14. (New) A passport, comprising a facial image of an individual; a fingerprint of the same individual; a code which is separate from and does not have features of said facial image and said fingerprint, such that said facial image, said fingerprint and said code can be stored in a secured database, and thereafter an official to whom the passport is presented can take a fingerprint of a presenter, send the taken fingerprint and said code to the database, and obtain from the database a conclusion whether the taken fingerprint correspond to the fingerprint stored in the database.

15. (New) A passport as defined in claim 14, wherein said passport has a plurality of pages, said facial image of an individual being provided on one of said pages, while said code is provided on another of said pages.

16. (New) A system for verifying an identity of an individual, comprising a passport including a facial image of an individual, a fingerprint of the same individual; a code which is separate from and does not have features of said facial image and said fingerprint, such that said facial image, said fingerprint and said code can be stored in a secured database, and thereafter an official to whom the passport is presented by a presenter can

take a fingerprint of a presenter, send the taken fingerprint and said code to the database, and obtain from the database a conclusion whether the taken fingerprint correspond to the fingerprint stored in the database; a scanner/display device having a display, a code reader, and a fingerprint reader in which said passport can be introduced and said facial image, said fingerprint and said code can be scanned and submitted to the database; and the database in which the facial image, the fingerprint and the code are initially transmitted and stored, and which, when a new passport is introduced in said scanner/display device, receives said code and said fingerprint from said device, returns the facial image stored in the database to display it on said display of said scanner/display device so that the official can compare the obtained facial image with the facial image in the introduced passport and a face of the passport presenter, compares a fingerprint made in said scanner/display device when the passport presenter introduces his finger in said scanner/display device, with the stored fingerprint, and sends to said scanner/display device a conclusion whether the fingerprints match or mismatch.

17. (new) A system as defined in claim 16, wherein said passport has a plurality of pages, said facial image of an individual being provided on one of said pages, while said code is provided on another of

said pages.

18. (New) A method of verifying an identity of an individual, comprising the steps of providing a passport including a facial image of an individual, a fingerprint of the same individual, a code which is separate from and does not have features of said facial image and said fingerprint; storing said facial image, said fingerprint and said code in a secured database; thereafter by an official to whom the passport is presented taking a fingerprint of a presenter, sending the taken fingerprint and said code to the database, and obtaining from the database a conclusion whether the taken fingerprint correspond to the fingerprint stored in the database; providing a scanner/display device having a display, a code reader, and a fingerprint reader in which said passport can be introduced and said facial image, said fingerprint and said code can be scanned and submitted to the database; and carrying out by the database in which the facial image, the fingerprint and the code are initially transmitted and stored, and which, when a new passport is introduced in said scanner/display device that receives said code and said fingerprint from said device, returning the facial image stored in the database to display it on said display of said scanner/display device so that the official can compare the obtained facial image with the facial image in the introduced passport and a face of the passport presenter, comparing a

fingerprint made in said scanner/display device when the passport presenter introduces his finger in said scanner/display device, with the stored fingerprint, and sending to said scanner/display device a conclusion whether the fingerprints match or mismatch.

19. (New) A method as defined in claim 18; and further comprising providing said passport with a plurality of pages and placing said facial image of an individual on one of said pages, while placing said code on another of said pages.